



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mahendra Madhukar Patil et al.

Serial No.: 10/812,338

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
MANAGING AIR FROM A  
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Lynda Howell**DECLARATION OF DAVID JOSEPH NAJEWICZ**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

I, David Joseph Najewicz, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is David Joseph Najewicz and I reside in 12619 Hillcross Parkway, Prospect, KY 40059, Oldham County.
2. I am presently employed by General Electric Consumer & Industrial, Appliance Park - AP2 C38, Louisville KY 40225, as the Program Manager - Induction Programs. At the time the referenced invention was made, my designation was Program Manager, Cooking Innovation.

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3. I am a named co-inventor on the present patent application, Serial No. 10/812,338.

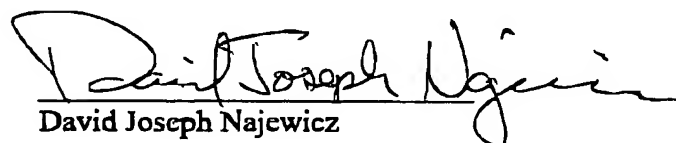
4. We conceived of and actually reduced to practice the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application prior to March 1, 2004. This conception and reduction to practice is evidenced by the presentation "Advanced Hood Presentation" pertaining to the invention dated February 9, 2004.

5. In accordance with the practices of my employer, General Electric Company, at the time of this invention, the above mentioned presentation was submitted to the Patent and legal operation as a part of the patent application process, and the application was filed on March 29, 2004.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Dated: Sept 22, 2006

By:

  
David Joseph Najewicz

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